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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

S I R:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, please enter the following amendments.

In the Claims:

Please amend claim 7 and add new claims 12-15 as follows.

Sub B17  
A1  
7. (Amended) A magnetic recording medium as defined in claim 1, wherein the magnetic layer has an h.c.p. structure and is oriented in (11.0) direction relative to the plane parallel with the substrate.

A2  
Sub B17  
12. (New) A magnetic recording medium as defined in claim 2, wherein the magnetic layer has an h.c.p. structure and is oriented in (11.0) direction relative to the plane parallel with the substrate. --